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This proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by the voters, would modify the gubernatorial appointment process. Specifically, the amendment provides that whenever a vacancy occurs in any office of a department head, the Governor may appoint an acting or temporary department head in such manner and for such time as provided by law. Currently, the Governor is required to appoint all members of administrative boards and commissions with the advice and consent of the Senate. This amendment provides that if the Governor fails to select a person for such a board or commission within 60 days of a member's expired term or 120 days of a vacancy during a member's term, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall have the authority to make the appointment within the next 60 days, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. This amendment further provides that no more than two members from the same profession shall serve on any one administrative board or commission. This bill is similar to SJR 30 (2014).